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NEWS RELEASE

Man Charged with Cruelty to Animals

Date: December 11, 2017

Offender: 29 –year old Joshua Mitsumatsu of the 2400 block of McKinley

El PASO, Texas – A 29 – year old male was arrested this afternoon by Detectives of the Animal Cruelty Investigative Unit (ACIU). On Sunday, December 10, Central Regional Command Patrol officers responded to assist Animal Services with a call at 2435 McKinley after a witness reported a dog being physically assaulted by its owner. A witness captured cell phone video depicting the 1 ½ year old shepherd mix being raised to shoulder level, thrown to the ground and then beaten by the offender, 29 –year old Joshua Mitsumatsu. ACIU detectives responded to the scene and conducted the investigation. Tali -the 1 ½ year old shepherd mix was seized by Animal Services and he is now in the custody of a foster home. Tali is in the care of LAW and PAWS <https://m.facebook.com/lawnpaws1/> a non-profit, donation funded organization founded by an EPPD detective who provides foster care for pets in cases such as these. The detective runs the pet foster care while off-duty along with other volunteers. Mitsumatsu was arrested at his residence and will be booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility charged with Cruelty to Non-Livestock Animals under a \$3,500 bond. Tali is available for adoption to a good home.

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